APPENDIX F QUINO CHECKERSPOT BUTTERFLY SURVEY

FOCUSED SURVEY REPORT FOR THE QUINO CHECKERSPOT BUTTERFLY ON THREE PARCELS NEAR BOULEVARD, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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Introduction

Laguna Mountain Environmental, Inc. (Laguna Mountain) performed adult surveys for the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) on three adjacent parcels totaling approximately 137-acres in Boulevard, San Diego County, California (Figure 1). The site is located southwest of the community of Boulevard and west of Tierra del Sol and the Tecate Divide. The project area is approximately 1-mile south of Highway 94 and 1/4 mile east of the Campo Indian Reservation. It is accessible from Shasta Lane and is located in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 6 East. The project area is shown on the Live Oak Springs 7.5' USGS Quadrangle (Figure 2). The proposed project involves a lot split and a proposed residential development permit issued by the County of San Diego.

A habitat assessment conducted on the property determined that non-excluded areas, as defined by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS 2002), occur on the property (Figure 3). Excluded areas, not recommended for Quino surveys are defined as:

• Closed-canopy forests or riparian area, dense chaparral, and small openings completely enclosed within a closed-canopy or dense chaparral area.

Within the project area excluded areas consisted of dense mixed chaparral and oak woodland. Non-excluded areas included old and abandoned dirt roads and openings in chaparral and oak woodland habitats. This report documents the results of focused surveys conducted in these non-excluded areas which comprise approximately 60 acres of the project site.

Methods

The surveys for adult Quino checkerspot were conducted by Andrew R. Pigniolo (Permit No. PRT-840623) between April 11, 2003 and May 12, 2003. The surveys were conducted on a biweekly basis when weather conditions allowed under acceptable weather conditions defined in the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service protocol. The surveys involved slowly walking roughly parallel transects throughout the non-excluded portions of the property including along dirt roads and trails that bordered excluded vegetation. The survey was conducted at an average rate of 10 acres per hour. The surveyor stopped periodically to scan adjacent areas for moving butterflies. All butterfly species observed were identified and recorded.

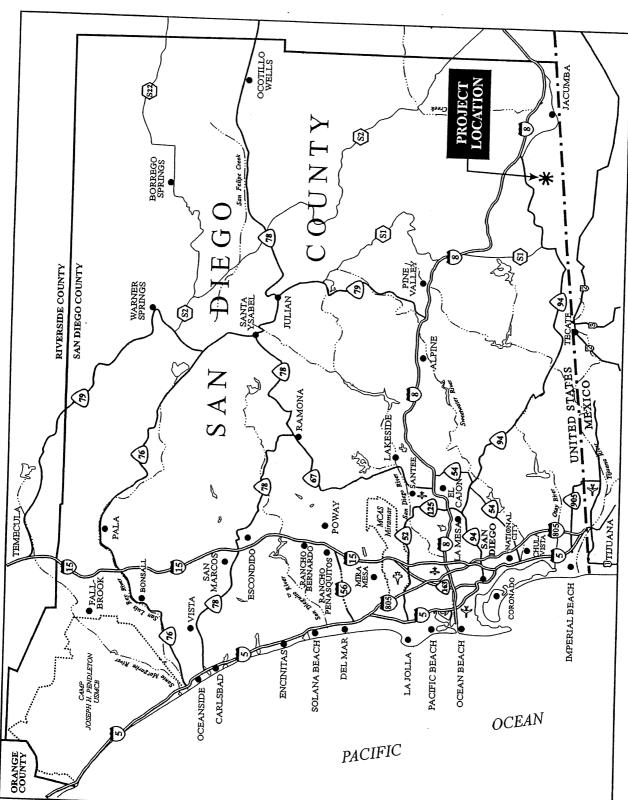
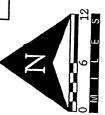


Figure 1 Regional Location Map



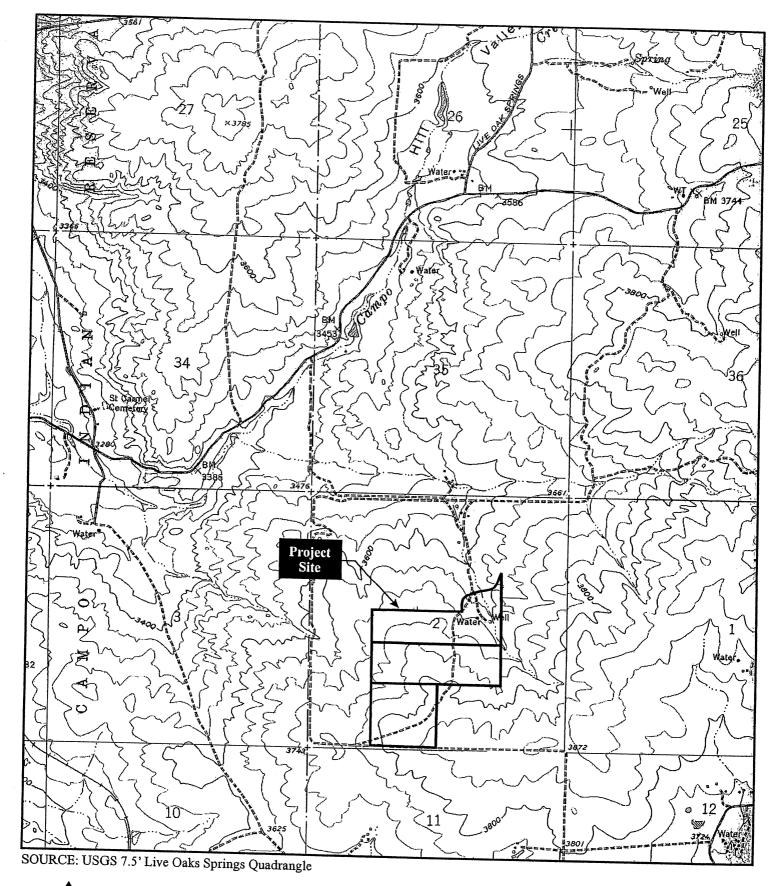
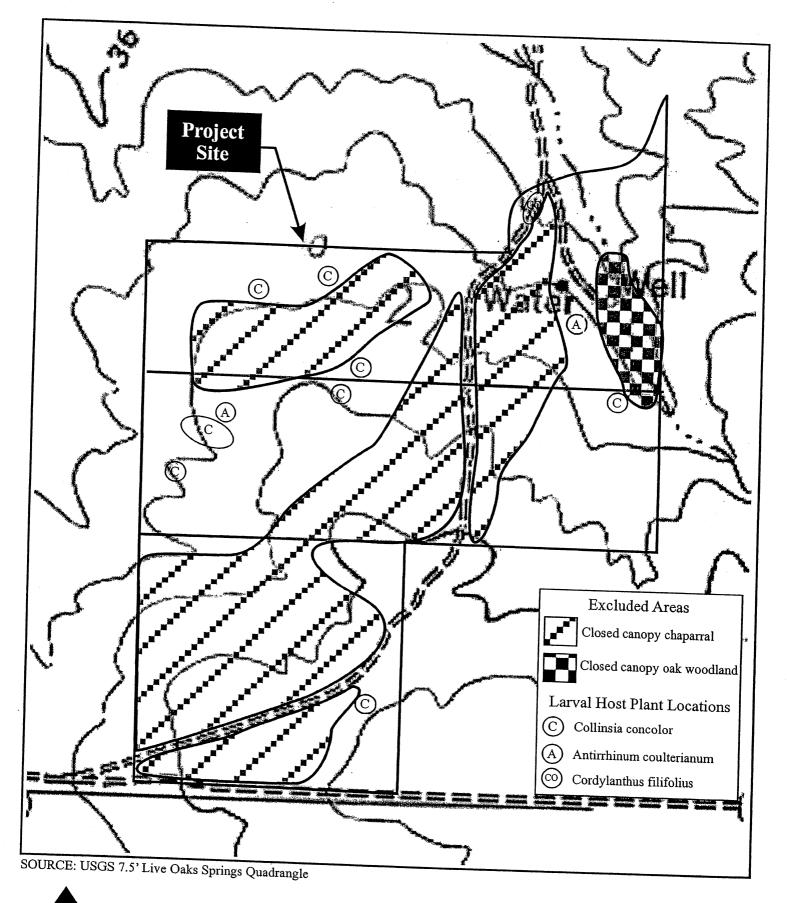




Figure 2 Project Location



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Figure 3
Project Location



Survey times and weather conditions are presented in the field notes provided in Appendix A and summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Quino Checkerspot Adult Survey Dates and Weather Conditions

Date	Т	ime	Weather Conditions		
April 11, 2003	start: 0800	end: 1400	start: hazy, air temp: 60° F, wind between 2 and 8 mph end: slightly hazy, air temp: 62° F, wind between 2 and 7 mph		
April 15, 2003	start: 0930	end: 1530	start: clear, air temp: 66° F, wind between 0 and 3 mph end: clear, air temp: 74° F, wind between 0 and 7 mph		
April 19, 2003	start: 1030	end: 1630	start: clear, air temp: 62° F, wind between 2 and 9 mph end: clear, 65° F, wind between 0 and 7 mph		
April 24, 2003	start: 0930	end: 1500	start: clear, air temp: 63° F, wind between 0 and 3 mph. end: clear, air temp: 72° F, wind between 0 and 7 mph.		
April 27, 2003	start: 1000	end: 1600	start: clear, air temp: 69° F, wind between 2 and 7 mph end: clear, air temp: 65° F, wind between 0 and 5 mph		
May 1, 2003	start: 0930	end: 1530	start: clear, air temp: 62° F, wind between 0 and 3 mph, slightly hazy by 10:30 but passed by 1330, end: clear, air temp: 72° F, wind between 0 and 3 mph		
May 12, 2003	start: 1130	end: 1700	start: slightly hazy, air temp: 75° F, wind between 0 and 2 mph end: clear, air temp 72° F, wind between 0 and 4 mph.		

Physical Setting

As stated previously, the three parcels making up the project area consist of approximately 137 acres. The site is currently undeveloped although a small graded area is present in the northern parcel. A major drainage passes north/south through the eastern portion of the project area and dirt roads and a well and old water tank are also present in this portion of the project. Other areas of the property are largely undisturbed and include an old dirt road and small motor bike tracks. Foot paths were also noted on the property. Overall, the area was largely undisturbed and evidence of past grazing was not noted. Non-native weeds were minimal and annual flowers and nectar sources were abundant.

Elevation on the project site ranges between approximately 3,620 feet to3,820 feet above mean sea level with a gradual increase in elevation from the northern end of the site to the southern end of the site. The western half of the project area is a gentle ridge while a small drainage is present along the eastern edge. The southern portion of the project is a slightly higher ridge largely dominated by chaparral. southern half of the site consists mainly of non-native pastureland is at an elevation of 2,600 feet (Figure 2).

Three soil types occur on the property (USDA 1973). These include La Posta loamy course sand, Kitchen Creek loamy course sand, and Mottsville loamy course sand. La Posta loamy course sand is present on 5 to 30 percent slopes and usually occurs on gently rolling hills. This soil type is derived from granodiorite and is well drained. It. dominates the higher areas of the project.

Kitchen Creek loamy course sand is also derived from weathered granodiorite and is present on broad ridges with 5 to 9 percent slopes. These soils are moderately deep. Mottsville loamy course sand is present along the drainage course in the eastern portion of the project area. It consists of excessively drained, very deep, loamy coarse sands. This soil has been formed from sediments transported from granitic rock and includes slopes of 2 to 9 percent.

Vegetation

Several vegetation communities exist in or adjacent to the non-excluded areas surveyed for the Quino checkerspot. These include southern coast live oak riparian woodland and southern mixed chaparral. A complete list of plant species observed during field surveys is provided in Appendix B.

Southern coast live oak riparian woodland is an evergreen woodland along a seasonal drainage. The community is dominated by coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) but also includes scattered willow and other riparian species. The understory ranges from open to shrubby. Within the project area this habitat is confined to the eastern drainage margin. A portion of this area has been disturbed by the construction of a small earth retaining dam in the past.

Southern mixed chaparral occurs on the foothills and inland areas of San Diego County. It can grow to between approximately 5 and 9 feet tall. Species commonly associated with this community include manzanita (Arctostaphylos glandulosa), scrub oak (Quercus berberidifolia), lilac (Ceanothus sp.), and interior mountain mahogany (Cercocarpus betuloides). Southern mixed chaparral dominates the majority of the property. Dominant species in southern mixed chaparral on the project site included chamise, scrub oak, lilac, redshanks, and buckwheat.

Larval Hostplants

Three of the potential Quino checkerspot larval hostplants were observed during the habitat assessment and focused surveys of the project site. The locations of these plants are depicted in Figure 3. These included Chinese houses (Collinsia concolor), bird's beak (Cordylanthus filifolius), and Coulter's snapdragon (Antirrhinum coulterianum). Plantago, the preferred host plant, was not observed. The Chinese houses and Coulter's snapdragon came into flower during the surveys while bird's beak seedlings were just emerging and not yet in flower. No evidence of herbivory was detected on these species during the focused surveys.

Results

No adult or larval Quino checkerspot were detected during the surveys of the project area. Butterfly species observed are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. Butterfly Species Observed.

Survey Dates	4/11/03	4/15/03	4/19/03	4/24/03	4/27/03	5/1/03	5/12/03
Species				·		0/1/03	3/12/03
Common White (Pontia protodice)	20	55	57	61	49	52	55
Painted Lady (Vanessa cardui)	21	33	34	272	110	98	18
Sara orangetip (Anthocharis sara)	4	44	68	65	79	96	77
Behr's metalmark (Apodemia mormo virgulti)	4	43	31	56	39	39	18
Gabbs Checkerspot (Closyne gabbii)	0	7	6	6	7	5	2
Funereal duskywing (Erynnis funeralis)	0	7	.1	5	6	1	6
Perplexing hairstreak (Callophrys perplexa)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Buckeye (Precis coenia)	0	0	3	1 .	1	1	4
Harford's sulfur (Colias harfori)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Acmon blue (Icaricia acmon)	0	2	1	0	0	0	6
Marine blue (Leptotes marina)	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Southern blue (Glaucopsyche lygdamus australis)	0	0	0	3	1	0	0

Red admiral (Vanessa atalanta rubra)	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Sleepy sulpher (Erema nicippe)	0	0	0 ·	0	0	0	1

Conclusion

The results of the focused surveys indicate that the Quino checkerspot does not occur on the three parcels that make up the project area. Hilltops, areas of open ground, and host plants that would potentially serve as Quino habitat were searched repeatedly during each weekly survey, with negative results. Neither Quino larvae or adults were observed during the survey period.

APPENDIX A. Copies of Original Field Notes

barza Field Notes

4/11/03

Start 8:00 60° wind 2-8mph hazycloudy. Conditions not great. Secondary host plants all young seedlings, or noted by dead stalks from last year.

20 Common white HIHIHIH

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End 2:00 2-7 mph partly cloudy

6 avza Field Notes

4/15/03

Start! 9:30 AM 66° Wind 0-3 mph, Clear collinsia seedlings along with Antivhinum C. No herbivery noted. Cordy lanthus very small seedlings:

Species Observed

44 Sava Orange Tip HH HH HH HH IIII

33 Lady (Painted) WH HH HH HH III

43 Behr's netal mark ## ## ## ## ## ## 111

7 babb's checkerspot III 11

2 Acmon blue 11

7 Dusky wing skipper HIII

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1 Red admiral 1

16 Moths IM IH HH 1

2:00 75° 0-7 mph

End 3:30 0-7 mph

barza Field Notes

4/19/03

Start: 10:30 / 62° wind 2-9mph sunny collinsia Just blooming. No harbivery, Antivrhinu Very young.

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- 34 Lady (Painted) Ith Ith Ith III III
- 31 Behr's motal mark IM IH IH IH IHT I
 - 6 babb's checkerspot IIII
 - 1 Acmon Blue 1
 - 3 Bucheye III
 - 1 Dusky wing skipper 1
- . | Blue 1
 - 17 Moths LH HH HH 11

3:00 65° 0-5mph 2 horned lizards noted

4:30 0-7 mph 650

borza Field Notes

4/24/03

Start: 9:30 AM 630 0-3mph, Sunny Collinsia still blooming buthalmost over, No herbivery noted. Lady's are in migration from the south. Most are flying through without stopping. Two horned lizards; noted.

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Buckeye!

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Marina blue 1

Southern blue 11

Perplexing hairstreak 1

Hawk moth III

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1:00PM 68° Wind 0-7 mph

End 3:00 PM 72° Wind 0-7 mph

6 avza Quino Field Notes 4/27/03

Start: 10:00 69° Wind 2-7 mph from nest, Sunny, Roughly 10% of Collinsia blooming. Antivhinum getting closer to bud, No herbivery.

49 Common White HI HH HH HH HI HI HI

39 Behr's Metalmark WH HH HH HH HH MH III

7 babb's Checkerspot HIII

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1 Harford Sulpher 1

1 Buckeye1

6 Duskywing Skipper IIII

1 Southern Blue 1

2 Hawk moth 1

1:00 70° wind 2-7 mph

End 4:00 650 wind 2-7 mph

Garza Field Notes

5/1/03

Start: 62° wind 0-3mph Sunny: High haze by 10:30; Many nectar sources starting to seed. Collensia in full bloom. Antivihinum in bud. No herbivery.

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1 Buckeye 1

1 Red Admiral 1

2 Marina due II

2 Hawkmoth 11

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1:30 72° 0-3 mph Clear sun

End 3:30 Wind 0-3 imph 720

barza Quino Field Notes

5/12/03

End 5:00 72° Wind 0-4 mpc Cordylanthus still very young.

40 Moth MMMMM WINGHIM

APPENDIX B. Plant Species Observed

Family Name	Species Name ♦	Comment		
AGAVACEAE	Yucca schidigera	Common Name	Habitat	
	Yucca whipplei	Mohave yucca	SMC	
ANACARDIACEAE	Rhus ovata	Our Lord's candle	SMC	
	Rhus trilobata	Sugar bush	SMC	
APIACEAE	Apiastrum angustifolium	Squawbush	SMC, SCLO	
	Daucus pusillus	Mock parsley	SMC	
	Lomatium lucidum	Rattlesnake weed	SMC	
ASTERACEAE	Acourtia microcephala	Shiny lomatium	SMC	
	Agoseris retrorsa	sacapellote	SMC	
	Artemisia dracunculus	Spear-leaf agoseris	SCLORF	
	Chaenactis glabriuscula	False tarragon	SCLORF	
	Cirsium occidentale	San Diego pincushion	SMC, SCLO	
	Coreopsis bigelovii	Cobweb thistle	SMC, SCLO	
		Bigelow's coreopsis	SMC	
	Corethrogyna filaginifolia Erigeron foliosus	Mountain cudweedaster	SCLORF, SM	
		Fleabane	SMC	
	Eriophyllum confertiflorum	Golden yarrow	SMC	
	Eriophyllum wallacei	Wallace's woolly-daisy	SMC	
	Filago californica	California filago	SMC	
	Gnaphalium canescens	Felty everlasting	SMC	
	Gutierrezia californica	Broom matchweed	SMC, SCLOI	
	Lasthenia californica	Goldfields	SMC	
	Malacothrix californica	Desert dandelion	SMC	
	Microseris douglasii	Douglas' microseris	SMC	
	Microseris lindleyi	Silver puffs	SMC, SCLOR	
	Rafinesquia californica	Calfornia chicory	SMC	
	Senecio californicus	California butterweed	SMC	
	Sonchus asper ◆	Prickly sow-thistle	SMC	
	Stephanomeria exigua deanei	Deane's wreath-plant	SMC	
DOD A CDIA CDAR	Stylocline gnaphalioides	Everlasting neststraw	SMC	
BORAGINACEAE	Amsinckia intermedia	Common fiddleneck	SMC, SCLOF	
	Cryptantha sp.	cryptantha	SMC, SCLOR	
	Cryptantha intermedia	Nievitas cryptantha	SMC, SCLOR	
	Pectocarya penicillata	Winged pectocarya	SMC	
	Pectocarya setosa	Bristly pectocarya	SMC	
DD A CCICA CD A D	Plagiobothrys sp.	popcornflower	SMC	
BRASSICACEAE	Arabis sparsiflora		SCLORF, SM	
	Athysanus pusillus	Dwarf anthysanus	SMC	
	Caulanthus sp.	caulanthus	SMC	
	Caulanthus sp.	caulanthus	SMC	
	Descurainia pinnata	Tansymustard	SMC	
	Draba cuneifolia	Desert whitlow	SMC	
	Erysimum capitatum	Douglas' wallflower	SCLORF	
	Sisymbrium sp. •	rocket		
	Streptanthus campestris	Southern jewelflower	SMC, SCLOR	
CACTACEAE	Opuntia acanthocarpa	Buckhorn cholla	SCLORF	
	Opuntia occidentalis	Western pricklypear	SMC SMC	

CAMPANULACEAE	Nemacladus longiflorus	Longflower threadplant	SMC
CAPRIFOLIACEAE	Nemacladus ramosissimus	Nuttall's threadplant	SMC
	Lonicera suspicata	Chaparral honeysuckle	
CHENOPOPILACEAE	Loeflingia squarrosa	California loeflingia	SMC
CHENOPODIACEAE	Chenopodium californicum	California goosefoot	SMC
CHASSULACEAE	Crassula connata	Julionia gooscioot	SCLORF
CUCURBITACEAE	Marah macrocarpus	Wild cucumber	SMC
DATISCACEAE	Datisca glomerata	Durangoroot	SMC
EPHEDRACEAE	Ephedra californica	California ephedra	SMC
ERICACEAE	Arctostaphylos glauca	Bigberry manzanita	SMC
DIDIO	Arctostaphylos pungens	Mexican manzanita	SMC
FABACEAE	Lotus argophyllus	Silverleaf lotus	SMC
	Lotus scoparius	Deerweed	SMC
	Lotus strigosus	Bishop's lotus	SMC
	Trifolium tridentatum	Tomcat clover	SMC
	Trifolium sp.	clover	SMC, SCLOR
FAGACEAE	Quercus agrifolia	Coast live oak	SMC
	Quercus berberidifolia	scrub oak	SCLORF
GARRYACEAE	Garrya veatchii	Veatch silktassel	SMC
GERANIACEAE	Erodium botrys ♦		SMC, SCLOR
GROSSULARIACEAE	Ribes indecorum	Long-beak filaree	SMC
HYDROPHYLLACEAE	Emmenanthe pendiflora	White flowering currant	SMC, SCLORI
	Nemophila menziesii	Whispering bells	SMC
	Phacelia sp.	San Diego baby-blue-eyes	SMC
	Phacelia distans	phacelia	SMC
LAMIACEAE	Salvia apiana	Wild-heliotrope	SMC, SCLORE
	Salvia columbariae	White sage	SMC
	Trichostema parishii	Chia	SMC
LILIACEAE	Calochortus concolor	Mountain blue-curls	SMC
	Dichellostemma capitatum ssp.	Goldenbowl mariposa	SMC
	pauciflorum	Blue dicks	SMC
LOASACEAE	Mentzelia sp.		
MALVACEAE	Sidalcea malvaeflora	mentzelia	SCLORF
ONAGRACEAE	Camissonia californica	Checkerbloom	SCLORF
	Camissonia hirtella	Mustard evening primrose	SMC
	Clarkia purpurea quadrivulnera	Field suncup	SMC, SCLORF
	Epilobium canum californica	Farewell-to-spring	SMC
PAEONIACEAE	Paeonia californica	California fuchsia	SCLORF, SMC
PAPAVERACEAE	Eschscholzia californica	California peony	SMC
POACEAE	Browns diand	California poppy	SMC, SCLORF
	Bromus diandrus var.gussonei •	Common or Gusson ripgut grass	SCLORF, SMC
	Bromus madritensis •	Compact chess	SCLORF
	Bromus mollis +	Soft chess	SCLORF
	Bromus rubens 🔸	Foxtail chess	SMC, SCLORF
	Bromus tectorum ♦	Cheat-grass	SMC, SCLORF
	Festuca sp. ♦	fescue	
	Hordeum murinum glaucum ♦	Glaucous barley	SMC, SCLORF
	Melica imperfecta	Coast range melic	SCLORF
	Schismus barbatus ♦	Mediterranean schismus	SMC
	Eriastrum sapphirinum		SMC
POLEMONIACEAE	arrastram suppnirinum	W Olly-ctor	
POLEMONIACEAE	Gilia australis	Wolly-star Southern gilia	SCLORF, SMC SMC

	Gilia caruifolia	Caraway-leaf gilia	SMC
	Linanthus bellus	Desert beauty	SMC
POLYGONACEAE	Linanthus lemmonii	Lemmon linanthus	SMC
TOLIGONACEAE	Chorizanthe fimbriata	Fringed Turkish rugging	
	Eriogonum elongatum	Tall buckwheat	SMC, SCLOR
	Eriogonum fasciculatum	California buckwheat	SMC
	Eriogonum wrightii	Foothill buckwheat	SMC
	Eriogonum sp.	Annual buckwheat	SCLORF, SM
	Eriogonum sp.	Annual buckwheat	SMC
	Oxytheca trilobata	Spinebract	SMC, SCLOR
DODGETT 1 C	Pterostegia drymarioides	California threadstem	SMC
PORTULACACEAE	Calyptridium monandrum	Sandcress Sandcress	SMC, SCLOR
DANTE	Claytonia perfoliata	Miner's lettuce	SMC
RANUNCULACEAE	Delphinium parishii		SMC, SCLOR
RHAMNACEAE	Ceanothus cuneatus	Colorado desert larkspur Buckbrush	SMC, SCLORI
	Ceanothus leucodermis	Whitebarked lilac	SMC
RHAMNACEAE	Rhamnus californica	Coffeeberry	SMC, SCLORI
	Rhamnus ilicifolia		SCLORF
ROSACEAE	Adenostoma fasciculatum	Holly-leaf redberry Chamise	SMC, SCLORE
	Adenostoma sparsifolium	Red shank	SMC
	Cercocarpus betuloides		SMC
	Prunus ilicifolia	Birchleaf mountain mahogany	SMC
RUBIACEAE	Galium andrewsii	Holly-leaf cherry	SMC
	Galium aparine ♦	Moss bedstraw	SMC, SCLORF
CROPHULARIACEAE	Antirrhinum coulterianum	Common bedstraw	SCLORF, SMC
	Collinsia concolor	White snapdragon	SMC, SCLORF
		Southern Chinese houses	SCLORF, SMC
	Diplacus aurantiacus Mimulus brevipes	San Diego monkey flower	SMC
		Slope semiphore	SMC
	Mimulus guttatus	Seep monkey flower	SMC
Non-native Plant Species SMC	Penstemon spectabilis	Showy penstemon Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest	SMC